

REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and further examination are hereby requested.

In item 1 on page 2 of the Office Action, claims 1-6, 8-16 and 18-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Aldred et al. (U.S. 6,209,036, hereinafter “Aldred”) in view of Maddalozzo, Jr. et al. (U.S. 6,460,060, hereinafter “Maddalozzo”).

In item 10 on page 10 of the Office Action, claims 7, 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Aldred et al. in view of Maddalozzo, Jr. et al. and further in view of Rubinstein et al. (U.S. 5,913,215, hereinafter “Rubenstein”).

These rejections are traversed with respect to claims 1-20 as amended for the following reasons.

The Examiner and the undersigned conducted an interview on April 18, 2007. Applicants would like to express their appreciation to the Examiner for her time and effort in conducting the interview. In the interview, the undersigned explained the present invention with reference to claim 1 and Fig. 7 of the present application. A summary of the explanation is set forth below. The Examiner and the undersigned also discussed proposed language for amendments to claim 1. This language discussed during the interview is incorporated into the independent claims, i.e., claims 1 and 11, herein. As a result of the explanation, and the discussions during the interview, the Examiner acknowledged that the above amendments to claim 1 would overcome the rejections based on the currently applied prior art. The Examiner indicated that a further search would be conducted. The undersigned therefore agreed that an RCE would be filed including the proposed claim amendments and accompanying remarks.

The summary of the explanation of claim 1 *vis-à-vis* Figure 7, as an example, is as follows.

Claim 1 recites download means for downloading, when a link destination is designated, hypertext data at the designated link destination from the server device via the network. Thus, as shown in Fig. 7, if the content shown in (a) is taken as the start point of this example, when a link destination represented by the link “weather” is

designated, the hypertext data for the content shown in (b) is downloaded. Likewise, when a link destination represented by the link “Hokkaido” is designated, the hypertext data for the content shown in (c) is downloaded, etc.

Claim 1 also recites stored data storage means for storing, as stored data, hypertext data selected by a user from among the hypertext data having been downloaded by said download means. In the example of Fig. 7, examples of such hypertext data that is stored as stored data are shown in items (f), (g), and (h).

Claim 1 also recites display means for displaying a content represented by the stored data, e.g., the content shown in (f), (g), or (h), or a content represented by hypertext data which is newly downloaded by said download means, e.g., the content shown in (a), (b), or (c) (or (j) as discussed below).

Claim 1 also recites displaying history storage means for storing, in a displaying history, at least one content represented by the hypertext data newly downloaded by said download means, wherein the displaying history is in accordance with an order in which the at least one content is displayed by said display means. For example, the content of (a), (b), and (c), which is content represented by the hypertext data newly downloaded, is stored in the displaying history.

Claims 1 also recites redisplaying order control means for controlling, in accordance with the displaying history stored in said displaying history storage means, an order in which contents are redisplayed by the display means. This is illustrated by the “previous” and “forward” arrows across the top row in the example of Fig. 7.

Claim 1 also recites that when the content represented by the stored data (for example (h) in Fig. 7) is displayed as a source content by said display means, and a link destination indicated in the source content is designated (e.g., the link destination represented by the link “Cantonese Cuisine”), said displaying history storage means stores the source content in the displaying history (this is shown in Fig. 7 as the content (h) being stored in the display history as (i) in the top row which represents the content in the displaying history).

Finally, Claim 1 recites that when a content (j) at the link destination indicated in the source content (h) is displayed by said display means, and an instruction (“previous” in Fig. 7) for displaying a content preceding the content at the link destination (j) is

issued, said redisplaying order control means allows contents stored in said displaying history storage means to be redisplayed by said display means in a sequential manner, at least back to the source content (i), which is stored in said displaying history storage means. In other words, the "previous" instruction in the example of Fig. 7 allows the displaying of the sequence (j), (i), (c), (b), (a), at least from (j) back to (i).

As discussed in the interview, Aldred and Maddalozzo merely disclose a bookmark function and history displaying function of a browser, and neither disclose or suggest the invention recited in claims 1 or 11 of the present application. Therefore, the cited references cannot accomplish the effects of the present invention, and no obvious combination of Aldred and Maddalozzo would result in, or otherwise render obvious, the inventions recited in claims 1-20.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, as well as the results of the interview, it is submitted that claims 1-20 as amended herein are allowable over the prior art of record, and that the present application is in condition for allowance.

Applicants would again like to thank the Examiner for the substantive and productive discussion with their representative on April 18, 2007. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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